AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.　(CURRENTLY AMENDED) A character recognition device to recognize characters in a text image read by an image scanner, comprising:

a multiple recognition ~~device~~program to separately perform character recognition of the text image using respective recognition methods;

an extraction ~~device~~program to extract locations of non-coinciding results in the characters recognized by the respective recognition methods; and

an output ~~device~~program to designate the non-coinciding locations extracted by the extraction ~~device~~program and to output character recognition results for the text image.

2.　(CURRENTLY AMENDED) A character recognition device to recognize characters in a text image read by an image scanner, comprising:

a first recognition ~~device~~program to recognize the characters in the text image using a first character recognition method;

a second recognition ~~device~~program to recognize the characters in the text image using a second character recognition method different from the first character recognition method;

an extraction ~~device~~program to extract locations of recognized characters in the text image wherein the recognition results of the first recognition ~~device~~program do not coincide with the recognition results of the second recognition ~~device~~program; and

an output ~~device~~program to output character recognition results designating the non-coinciding locations extracted by the extraction ~~device~~program.

3.　(CURRENTLY AMENDED) A character recognition device as recited in claim 1, wherein the output ~~device~~program contrasts the text image and the character recognition results.

4.　(CURRENTLY AMENDED) A character recognition device as recited in claim 2, wherein the output ~~device~~program contrasts the text image and the character recognition

results.

5.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A character recognition device as recited in claim 1, further comprising:

a display having a display screen to display character recognition results,

wherein the output ~~device~~program to contrasts the text image and the character recognition results while displaying the character recognition results on the display screen, and displays a cursor in a display area of the character recognition results while displaying the text image in a format that designates the location of the text image coordinated at the position of the cursor.

6.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A character recognition device as recited in claim 2, further comprising:

a display having a display screen to display character recognition results,

wherein the output ~~device~~program contrasts the text image and the character recognition results while displaying the character recognition results on the display screen, and displays a cursor in a display area of the character recognition results while displaying the text image in a format that designates the location of the text image coordinated at the position of the cursor.

7.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A character recognition device as recited in claim 1, further comprising:

an output ~~device~~program to output a symbol or a blank to display locations that do not coincide instead of the recognized characters.

8.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A character recognition device as recited in claim 2, further comprising:

an output ~~device~~program to output a symbol or a blank to display locations that do not coincide instead of the recognized characters.

9.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A character recognition device as recited in claim 1, further comprising:

an output ~~device~~program to output the recognized characters with a high evaluation value for the non-coinciding locations that have the same number of recognized characters in an

output format that is different from the output format of the non-coinciding locations.

10.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A character recognition device as recited in claim 2, further comprising:

an output ~~device~~program to output the recognized characters with a high evaluation value for the non-coinciding locations that have the same number of recognized characters in an output format that is different from the output format of the non-coinciding locations.

11.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A character recognition device as recited in claim 1, further comprising:

an output ~~device~~program to output the recognized characters of the non-coinciding locations selected using a prescribed standard for the non-coincident locations with a different number of recognized characters in a format that is different from the output format for the non-coinciding locations.

12.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A character recognition device as recited in claim 2, further comprising:

an output ~~device~~program to output the recognized characters of the non-coinciding locations selected using a prescribed standard for the non-coincident locations with a different number of recognized characters in a format that is different from the output format for the non-coinciding locations.

13.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A character recognition device as recited in claim 1, further comprising:

an output ~~device~~program to output in a format indicating that the recognition results coincide but have a low recognition reliability.

14.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A character recognition device as recited in claim 2, further comprising:

an output ~~device~~program to output in a format indicating that the recognition results coincide but have a low recognition reliability.

15.   (ORIGINAL) A character recognition method to recognize characters in a text

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image read by an image scanner, comprising:

recognizing characters in the text image using a prescribed recognition method;

recognizing characters in the text image using a recognition method different from the prescribed recognition method;

extracting non-coinciding locations between the recognition results of the character recognition using the prescribed recognition method and the recognition results of the character recognition method different from the prescribed recognition method; and

designating the non-coinciding locations extracted and outputting the recognition results of the characters in the text image.

16.   (ORIGINAL) A computer readable medium encoded with processing instructions for implementing a character recognition method of recognizing characters in a text image read by an image scanner, the character recognition method comprising:

recognizing characters in the text image using a prescribed recognition method;

recognizing characters in the text image using a recognition method different from the prescribed recognition method;

extracting the non-coinciding locations between the recognition results of the character recognition using the prescribed recognition method and the recognition results of the character recognition method different from the prescribed recognition method; and

designating the non-coinciding locations extracted and outputting the recognition results of the characters in the text image.